



LAMBETH WALKING FOOTBALL CLUB

CONSTITUTION

- 1) Lambeth Walking Football Club (“**LWFC**” or the “Club” also known as “The Lambeth Walkers”) is a walking football club that seeks to organise and promote walking football in the Lambeth area including through organising walking football sessions and through participation in walking football tournaments.
- 2) LWFC is committed to fair play, promoting equal opportunities and to reflect in its membership the diverse nature of the Lambeth area.

Membership

- 3) Membership of LWFC is open to both men and women over the age of 50. By exception, the Club Committee will approve membership of people 50 or under on a case-by-case basis for reasons related to their health or other factors deemed relevant; and where acceptance of the member would be to the advantage of the LWFC or the individuals concerned.
- 4) There is no residential requirement to join LWFC. Members are welcome from anywhere.
- 5) Members can join LWFC by paying a one-off joining fee of £5.

Decision making

- 6) LWFC is run by and for its members.
- 7) The members will meet to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) once a year. The date of which will be notified to members at least 4 weeks prior to the meeting, and the agenda issued at least 7 days prior to the meeting. The quorum for the AGM shall be 5 members present in person.
- 8) Other meetings of the members (“General Meetings”) will be called as necessary either by the Club Committee or at the request of at least 5 members to consider matters of significant substance in the operation of the club.
- 9) The normal notice period required for a General Meeting shall be two weeks unless a majority of the Club Committee agree to a shorter notice period.
- 10) The AGM and General Meetings, whilst expected normally to be held in person, may be held virtually. If held virtually this means that Members will be invited to an on-line digital meeting using a platform such as Zoom, Teams, or WhatsApp. Voting at such meetings can also be conducted using tools such as WhatsApp polling.
- 11) Voting at the AGM or other General Meetings: each member will be entitled to one vote
- 12) Members will elect a committee (the “Club Committee”) at each AGM which will undertake the day to day running of LWFC. It will have delegated decision-making responsibilities, but such decisions (other than routine and minor) should be communicated to members at the earliest opportunity. In reaching its decisions the Club Committee should, where relevant, seek views and ideas from members and take reasonable account of them.
- 13) The Club Committee will as a minimum have the following Officers:
 - i) Chair
 - ii) Secretary
 - iii) Treasurer
 - iv) Club Captain (for on field team management)

In addition, if appropriate, the following additional officers

- v) Fixtures
- vi) Social
- vii) Diversity and Inclusion
- viii) Legal



- ix) Club Manager (to lead on tactics, support the Club Captain and assist with selection)

and such other Officers as may be agreed by the AGM from time to time. Officers so elected are expected to stay in post until the date of the next AGM at which they will retire but can offer themselves for re-election. Vacancies from elected positions arising during the year, for example due to retirements, may be filled by a decision of the Club Committee.

- 14) The Club Committee will meet at least four times per year (excluding the AGM)

Bank account

- 15) LWFC will operate a bank account. Any decisions in relation to expenditure over £100, other than normal operational costs such as pitch bookings, must be authorised by the Club Committee.

Payment for walking football sessions

- 16) Members can pay for walking football session either by:
- a) making an advanced monthly payment of £20 by standing order which will include all sessions for the following month; or
 - b) a one-off payment per session of £5 (£6 from 1 January 2024); or
 - c) such new or alternative payment methods as agreed by the Club Committee from time to time.
- 17) The charges for playing walking football may be revised from time to time by the Club Committee.

Member's Obligations

- 18) Members must:
- a) Act in a respectful manner whilst playing (on and off the field) , towards coaching staff, other members and members of opposing teams.
 - b) Through their personal behaviour, respect the club's ethos of fair play and inclusivity as well as abide by the rules of Walking Football as published by [the Football Association].
 - c) Provide relevant personal details (including next-of-kin) and ensure these are kept up to date. Such information will be held in compliance with relevant GDPR requirements.
 - d) Pay playing fees when due (without having to be requested) and prior to the commencement of play.
- 19) If a member or members fail to adhere to the Member's Obligations then it will be for the Club Committee to determine what action is to be taken including but not limited to warning, censure, suspension or exclusion.

Changes to the Constitution

- 20) This Constitution can be changed only by the members in general meeting.
- 21) Any changes must have the support of two thirds of those present and voting.

Dissolution

- 22) The Club can be dissolved only by a two thirds majority at a general meeting called for that purpose.
- 23) On dissolution, any assets LWFC may have will be donated to Age UK.

This constitution was updated and approved by the Members at the AGM held on **16th November 2023**.